



# The Kawartha Periodical



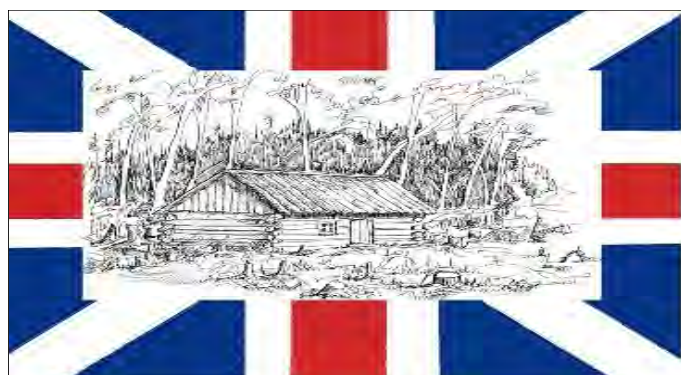
Newsletter of the **Kawartha Branch** of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

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## The President's Message

My first year as Kawartha Branch President was a steep learning curve but, thanks to our dedicated Executive, most of our events came off smoothly. I still have a lot to learn, but look forward to the upcoming challenges. With the Newsletter Editor's position being vacant, it has been difficult to get information out to all members, but now that Robert McBride UE has agreed to fill the position, our communications will be greatly improved. After six years of very dedicated and efficient service, Shirley Lowes UE has decided to step down from her position as our Treasurer. We regret to see Shirley step down but thank you for your dedicated service and we are sure you will remain an active member of the Branch. Frank Lucas has agreed to fill the position of Treasurer.

We were honoured to have our Regional Vice-President, Roy Lewis UE, and Regional Counsellor, Myrtle Johnston UE, as our guests at the Branch AGM on April 27th. Roy gave an interesting talk on the changes to the UELAC by-laws and installed our new Executive.

On June 5 – 8th Frank and Joan Lucas UE, Bob McBride UE and Grietje McBride UE, Doreen Thompson UE, Daphne Molson UE and I attended the UELAC national conference in Toronto. It was great to meet other Loyalists from all across Canada as well as some from Oklahoma, New Jersey, Tennessee and England.

On the morning of June 19th, Loyalist Day, we held our annual flag raising ceremony at Peterborough City Hall. We were joined by twenty-seven pupils of King George Public School in period dress who helped us celebrate the event. Mayor Daryl Bennett and MPP Jeff Leal brought greetings and Jeff presented us with a certificate congratulating us on the 100th anniversary of the UELAC and the 35th anniversary of Kawartha Branch. In the afternoon several of us went to Lindsay and repeated the flag-raising where we

were joined by several area residents and students from Alexandra Public School. MPP Laura Scott brought greetings from the Province.

Author Jennifer DeBruin UE will be the guest speaker at our general meeting in September. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the convention in Toronto and have read her latest book so I am sure we are in for a real treat when she comes. I also met author Jean Rae Baxter who will be coming to speak at our meeting next April. Ken Armstrong who was the guest speaker at our very first meeting thirty-five years ago in 1979 has agreed to return as guest speaker at our annual Banquet in October.

We will be attending several venues during the year and volunteers to assist in manning our information booth would be greatly appreciated. We will also be taking part in the Remembrance Day celebrations in November.

Thank you all for supporting the Kawartha Branch and the U.E.L.A.C.

I remain, sincerely and loyally  
yours,

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## From The Editor's Desk ...

Having decided in the Spring of 2005, with the publication of Volume 13, Issue 1, to leave my role as the Kawartha Branch Newsletter Editor, having



assumed the role of the Editor of *The Loyalist Gazette* in June 2004, our Branch Newsletter was capably taken over by Pat Ross who published several issues over a number of years. However, due to health, she has had to relinquish this role and so Doreen Thompson UE filled in for a few issues after which I agreed to return to this position.

I trust that you will find this newsletter of interest and I look forward to serving you in this capacity for a number of up-coming years.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Bob McBride UE, Kawartha Branch Newsletter Editor.

## Genealogist's Report

Our membership now stands at 78 with several members working on additional certificates and 4 new potential members working on their branch memberships and who intend applying for their certificates.

We still have 11 members who have not renewed their 2014 memberships and have missed their spring *Gazettes*. We hope this newsletter will encourage them to continue their memberships and join us for our Sept. 21st meeting at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough at 2:00 p.m.

This will be my last report on membership as we now have two membership chairs; Judy Fisher UE and Doreen Thompson UE. We welcome them both!

We have presented 4 people with their certificates, a total of



25 certificates, plus presentations of 56 certificates for the McBride family.

I encourage all of you who have just proven one UE Loyalist to also prove any additional UE ancestors you may have. All our Loyalist ancestors need to and deserve to be remembered.

Congratulations to new members:

Miranda Oakes UE, Benjamin Richardson UE, Robert Camp UE, Braydon Fairfield UE, Lynn Carter UE, Holly Carter UE, Wesley Carter UE, Julie Weirmeir UE, Clifford Weirmeir UE, Robert Weirmeir UE, and Eugene Weirmeir UE.

I wish each and everyone a happy, healthy summer. I will be spending August lake-side and away from my computer but will be looking for you at the Sept. 21st. at the meeting! Enjoy every minute of the holidays.

Loyally

Joan Lucas UE

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Number of paid-up members.....78

4 prospective members actively working on their memberships and Certificate Applications

2 members working on Additional certificates

4 new members waiting for new membership certificates (none UE)

5 certificates presented to members having proved their descent from a UE Loyalist:

Judy Fisher...for anc. George Galloway, UE

Braydon Fairfield...for anc. William Fairfield UE

Miranda Oakes...for anc. Jacob De Cou UE and others

Benjamin Richardson...anc, Henry Young UE and others

Robert Camp ...anc. Gabriel Purdy UE and others

Re-instated members:

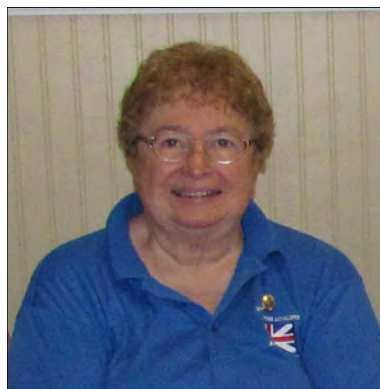
7 members of the McBride family (March 15, 2014)

5 members of the Crook family (March 30, 2014)

Graham Hart

Unpaid members for 2014:...11

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**We need volunteers to serve as First and Second Vice-Presidents, as well as others to serve on the Telephone Committee. If you are interested, please contact any of the individuals listed above who are on the Executive and Committees for 2014 - 2015.**

### Next U.E.L. Branch Meeting

**Sunday, September 21, 2014  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Parlour  
Water Street, Peterborough, Ontario  
2:00 p.m.**

**Author Jennifer DeBruin UE  
is our guest speaker.**



## Loyalist Corner



Each of these UE ancestors  
have been highlighted in issues  
of *The Kawartha Periodical* :

| Issue              | Loyalist   |
|--------------------|--|
| Volume 5, Issue 1  | · William Fairchild UE<br>· Andrew Denike UE<br>· Adam Young UE & Henry Young UE     |
| Volume 5, Issue 2  | · Sgt. Henry Buchner (Boughner, Buckner) UE<br>· Jacob DeCou UE & Captain John DeCou |
| Volume 6, Issue 1  | · Martin Silmzer UE  |
| Volume 6, Issue 2  | · Richard Rogers UE<br>· James Rogers UE   |
| Volume 7, Issue 1  | · Capt. Jacobus Peck Jr. UE<br>· James Peck Jr. UE                                   |
| Volume 7, Issue 2  | · Sgt. Gabriel Purdy UE<br>· Timothy Pringle (Prindle) UE<br>· Daniel Fraser UE      |
| Volume 8, Issue 1  | · John Hagerman Sr. UE<br>· Peter Irish UE<br>· McGregory Van Every UE               |
| Volume 8, Issue 2  | · Thomas Goheen Sr. UE<br>· John Howell UE<br>· John Stevens Sr. UE                  |
| Volume 9, Issue 1  | · Col. David Breakenridge UE   |
| Volume 9, Issue 2  | · Philip Hartman UE  |
| Volume 9, Issue 3  | · None due to Christmas theme  |
| Volume 10, Issue 1 | · David Springer UE  |
| Volume 10, Issue 2 | · John Howell UE<br>· Descendants of Adam Young UE                                   |
| Volume 11, Issue 1 | · Henry Munger UE  |
| Volume 11, Issue 2 | · Catherine Kester   |
| Volume 12, Issue 1 | · John Lake Senior UE  |
| Volume 12, Issue 2 | · Robert Land UE   |
| Volume 13, Issue 1 | · Col. William Marsh UE  |
| Volume 14, Issue 1 | · Ordellia Pymer, Mrs. (John) Eastman Orser UE                                       |

| Kawartha Branch Member Donor: | U.E.L. Ancestor:  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Doug Berry                    | William Fairchild, UE   |
| Jack Brownscombe              | Daniel Fraser, UE   |
| Helen M. Buttamor             | Capt. Jacobus Peck Jr., UE<br>James Peck Jr., UE  |
| Keith Chiles                  | Andrew Denike, UE   |
| Russell Curry                 | Philip Hartman, UE  |
| Stewart Hagerman              | John Hagerman Sr., UE   |
| Peggy Haggis                  | Col. William Marsh, UE  |
| Freda Huff                    | Col. David Breakenridge, UE   |
| Frank Lamb                    | Henry Buchner, UE   |
| Joan Lucas                    | Sgt. Robert Graham, UE  |
| Grietje McBride               | Sgt. Gabriel Purdy, UE  |
| Robert McBride                | Hendrick G. Dachstaeder, UE<br>Lieut. Frederick Dochstader UE<br>Jacob De Cou III, UE<br>Captain John B. DeCou, UE (?)<br>John Stevens Senior, UE<br>McGregory Van Every, UE<br>Adam Young, UE<br>Henry Young, UE |
| Stan McBride                  | John Howell, UE   |
| Doris Nelson                  | Thomas Goheen, UE   |
| Marjorie Owen                 | Robert Land, UE   |
| Margaret Pulver               | Ordellia [nee Pymer] Orser UE   |
| Betty Richardson              | Martin Silmzer, UE  |
| Frank Rogers                  | Richard Rogers, UE  |
| Jean Steinburgh               | Col. James Rogers, UE   |
| Guy Thompson                  | Timothy Pringle, UE   |
| Ruth Turner                   | The Kuster Family   |
| Isabel Wessell                | Peter Irish, UE   |
| Donald Willson                | David Springer, UE  |



## DELIA'S STORY

By Margaret Pulver UE  
Kawartha Branch Secretary

Delia was born on the family farm located on the 5th Concession, Township of Hillier, Prince Edward County on 29 June 1884.

She and Eastman Orser were married on 30 December 1903 and lived on the Orser family farm near Bloomfield, Ontario.

Soon Mildred joined the family. Eastman's brother, Everett and his family were also making a living there. The land would not support the two families so, in the spring of 1905, the brothers decided to homestead. They, their wives and six month-old Mildred travelled west on the steam train arriving at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan.

After a year they obtained two one-quarter sections of bare prairie at \$10.00 each, near Semans.

Homestead duties required that several acres be ploughed and a house built on each section. The Orsers built the barn on the boundary line and their 8' by 16' frame houses on their own lots. In the early spring they dug a 15-foot deep well. The next year they built a sod house where they lived for seven years. It was furnished with a stove, bed, table, chairs and a cradle.

The sod house was built with 3 to 4-foot thick furrows ploughed and cut into lengths and laid in layers with the grass side down. The roof was lumber with gumbo mixed with hay and plastered on. This was a warmer house than the frame house.

They were happy in their new area. They had a cow, chickens and pair of oxen. They had clear water and burned firewood from the bluffs. They raised and sold milk, and butter. Wheat was hauled to Golden and Tate, Saskatchewan. The men would leave in the middle of the night so that they would arrive at daybreak in time to unload at the elevators. On the return trip they would bring cases of goods for the family.

**Prairie Fire:** You could hear, and smell it coming before you saw it. The men ploughed furrows around the buildings and also burnt patches. They had wet bags to beat out any sparks. Afterwards there was just black land until the vegetation regrew.

**Dust Storm and Grasshoppers:** Storms lasted all afternoon. The grasshoppers ate all the crops if not controlled. To control them farmers would poison bran and lay it around the edge of the fields. The bugs ate this and died.

Gophers were caught and the tails sold for 2 cents a piece. They were caught in a noose. Mildred sat and watched and pulled the string to snap the trap.

**Growth of Semans, Saskatchewan:** At the beginning people needed to go 5 ½ miles to Tate for supplies.

The first building in Semans was the hardware store, then the post office, a hotel and a school. Dr Clancey was the first doctor and his wife was the first teacher. Before the Semans post office mail was delivered once a week to High Clare. Items not available in Tate or Semans were ordered from Eatons and shipped from Winnipeg. The church was built by carpenters who came from Regina.

The railway came and the Orsers watched the ties being laid. The gravel was shipped by rail as the line progressed. It took all year for the line to be laid.

**Lighting:** At first they used kerosene for lamps. This was purchased in 5-gallon cans at the hardware store. Then they used Delco lights. These were operated with twelve batteries that were charged by a motor.

**Ordelia Pymer**  
**- Mrs. (John) Eastman Orser**  
**1884 - 1988**  
**Settled in**  
**Semans, Saskatchewan**

**Margaret Pulver UE writes:** I do not believe that this branch of the family have applied for UE status. However, Delia is my grandmother's sister so, to make her a UE, you would substitute Ordelia Pymer for Emma Pymer and go down that line. Aunt Delia lived to be 104 years of age.

### Loyalist Lineage

#### CYRENIUS ESCREYNES PARKE UE 1754 - 1828

Cyrenius was the son of James Parke and Sarah Newcombe of New London, Connecticut. He was born on 22 December 1754 in Litchfield, Connecticut, the fifth of nine children. He died on 22 August 1828 at Hay Bay, Township of Fredericksburg, County of Lennox and Addington, Upper Canada.

Cyrenius served three years with the King's Rangers from which he was given an honourable discharge in 1783. He and his brother James emigrated to Canada sailing from New York to Lachine, Province of Quebec. They spent the winter in Sorel in tents and rough cabins. In the spring they sailed in bateaux up the St. Lawrence River, landing on the north shore of Hay Bay on 16 June 1784.

In January 1809, Cyrenius was appointed Lieutenant of the First Lennox Militia Regiment, Midland Division, by Sir Francis Gore. In February 1812 he was made Captain of the Regiment by Sir Isaac Brock and was stationed in York. Later he was stationed at the Old Stone Windmill, a short distance from Kingston.

Cyrenius married ELIZABETH HUFFMAN in 1789, his second wife, and fathered twelve children in this marriage. He died in 1828 and is buried in the Parke Cemetery, Fredericksburg Township.

#### ELIAS T. PARKE 1798 - 1837

Elias was born on 26 October 1798, in Long Island, New York. He was baptized on 04 February 1799 by John Langhorn, an Episcopal Missionary, in Fredericksburg.

He married SARAH PINE, daughter of Elias Pyne/Pine and Amelia Smith, in 1821. They had several children including SARAH JANE.

Elias died in 1837 in Fredericksburg.

#### SARAH JANE PARKE 1834 - 1924

Sarah was born on 22 February 1834 in Adolphuston.

On 01 February 1855 she married CHARLES THOMPSON



in Sophiasburg, Prince Edward County. She was the mother of Elizabeth SAMANTHA, James Morey 1858 - 1885 (wife: Frances Johnston), Emma Augusta 1861-1955 (husband James Shoebridge), Waldo Emerson 1868 - 1954 (wife Emma Fair).

She died on 06 January 1924 in Ameliasburg Township.

#### **SAMANTHA THOMPSON 1856 - 1949**

Samantha was born on 20 January 1856 in Sophiasburg Township.

She married GEORGE WALTER PYMER, son of John Pymmer and Elizabeth Beckett of Norfolk, England. They settled on a farm on the 5th Concession of Hillier Township in Prince Edward County where the family was born: Emma Calista 1875 - 1968 (Mrs. Herbert Pulver); William Ira 1878 - 1975 (Ormintia Fox), ORDELIA 1884 - 1988, Ruth Bernice 1894 - 1978 (Mrs. Earl Titterton).

Samantha died on 19 July 1949 in Sidney Township, County of Hastings, Ontario.

#### **ORDELIA PYMER 1884 - 1988**

Delia was born on 29 June 1884 on the 5th Concession of Hillier, Prince Edward County.

On 30 December 1903 she married John EASTMAN ORSER 1877 - 1939. They moved to the Orser family farm near Bloomfield, Ontario. Their first daughter, Mildred 1904 - 1993 was born in 1904. In 1905 they moved west.

Daughter, Marjorie 1910 - 1978 (Mrs Tony Wideman) lived on the family homestead.

Delia passed away on 08 August 1988. The family is buried in the Semans Cemetery.

Marjorie Wideman's family:

Leona Ordellia 1942 - 2001, married ?? Horton

Children: Jerry; Glenn; Angie; Garvin; Jackie

Eileen (Mrs John Macdonald)

Children: Holly; Amy

## **Did You Know ??**



The dues structure for our Branch was revised in 2002 to encourage families to include their children as members of Kawartha Branch. Remember, our future is in the hands of our youth.

**Kawartha Branch  
membership dues are still less  
than many other branches !!!**

## **Important Reminder of Dues**

**In December 2014, it will be time  
to renew  
your membership  
in Kawartha Branch  
and the UELAC.**

Our Branch Constitution and By-laws state:

#### **AR-16.06**

The Treasurer shall, upon receipt of membership dues, provide a membership card of the year to each member the Branch and shall maintain records of the Branch membership in consultation with the Branch Genealogist and Branch Membership Chairperson. These up-to-date membership lists will be made available for distribution to the Executive upon request, with copies being supplied to the Branch Genealogist, Branch Membership Chairperson and the Branch Newsletter Editor.

#### **AR-16.07**

The Treasurer shall send out renewal notices for membership dues as part of the Branch's Fall Newsletter.

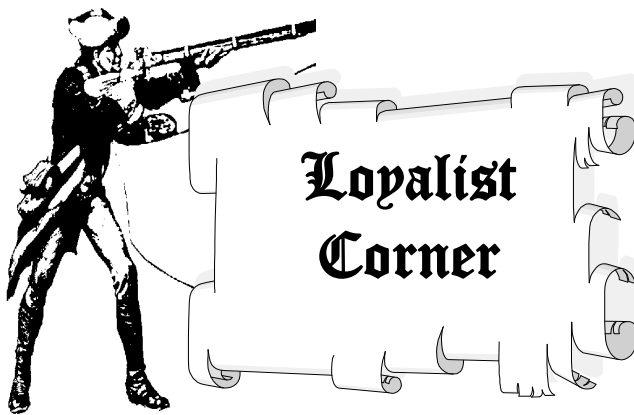
#### **AR-16.08**

The Treasurer shall pay all appropriate per-capita dues to the UELAC on an annual basis by February 1<sup>st</sup>, complete the membership form and *The Loyalist Gazette* form and submit these to the UELAC for the up-to-date Branch membership records.

- ~ Single Member = \$ 50.00
- ~ Family Membership = \$ 55.00  
+ \$ 10.00  
per member at the same address.
- ~ Duel membership = \$ 10.00

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# The Loyalist Corner Needs Your Stories !!!

Many years ago an appeal was made for Kawartha Branch members to submit a summary or vignette of their Loyalist ancestor. When I revived our Branch Newsletter in the spring of 1997 with Volume 5, Issue 1, Joan Lucas UE, then our Branch President, provided me with seventeen vignettes of varying lengths that had been submitted to her over the years from Branch members.

Now, having published thirty vignettes, we have none left in our archives. Thus we are in desperate need of new material to ensure the continuation of the **Loyalist Corner** in future issues. You will find a complete listing of what is in our archives and the vignettes that have been published in the past issues on page 05 of this newsletter.

Vignettes or histories of your Loyalist ancestor need not be lengthy or fully documented.

Our readership is most interested in the story of your Loyalist ancestor and it is best described in your own words.

## PLEASE HELP

by sending your submissions to

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### Views In And Around Kawartha Branch

On 19 June 2014, Kawartha Branch Members took part in a flag raising ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at Peterborough City Hall and at 1:00 p.m. at the Lindsay Olde Gaol Museum.



Photos by Keith Borland UE









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